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In re Application of:

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :
RECOGNIZING CHARACTER IMAGE :
FROM IMAGE SCREEN :
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97-1.98, Applicants hereby transmit a copy of the documents listed in the attached Form PTO-1449, which may be deemed material to the examination of the above-identified application.

In accordance with the waiver dated July 11, 2003, issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, copies of U.S. patents and published applications cited herein have been omitted since this application has been filed after June 30, 2003.

These documents were cited in a European Search Report related to the above-identified U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/657,206. For the Examiner's convenience, a

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The Examiner is requested to consider the attached document in connection with the above-identified application and to return a copy of Form PTO-1449 to the Applicants with the Examiner's initials in the spaces provided.

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